

REMARKS

A. Claim Amendments

Pages 12-14 of the English translation of the published PCT Application contains two sets of claims: claims 1-4 (first occurrence), and claims 1-4 (second occurrence). Claims 1-4 (second occurrence) are the amended claims received by the WIPO during International prosecution.

In order to dispel any potential confusion, Applicant has cancelled both the first and second occurrences of claims 1-4 and has presented new claims 5-8. New claims 5-8 are identical to claims 1-4 (second occurrence) as amended before the WIPO.

B. Conclusion


In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are

hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account #
02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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